

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	19C
Meeting Date	June 21, 2004
Prepared By	Catherine Waters City Clerk / Treasurer
Reviewed By	Richard M. Finn, City Mgr.

Discussion Item	Free Burma Committee - Raju Charles
Background	<p>In October 1996, the City Council adopted Ordinance #1996-33 which established a policy for the City (1) prohibiting contracts for personal services with those who do business in or with Burma and (2) prohibiting the purchase of commodities produced in Burma or provided by those who do business in or with Burma. The Ordinance also established the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee to oversee the implementation of and adherence to the Ordinance. The Ordinance has been suspended due to the Supreme Court decision (by Resolution #2000-53). However, the Free Burma Committee continues to function in an advisory capacity to the City Council.</p> <p>The Free Burma Committee is defined as having 7 members, whose two-year terms are staggered. At least one Committee member should be of Burmese origin. Terms begin on April 1 and end on March 31. Currently, there are three members whose terms expired on March 31. Of these, Susanne Lowen and Raju Charles have expressed interest in reappointment. In addition, there are three vacancies, and one member (Joan Hall) whose term will expire in 2005.</p> <p>Raju Charles was interviewed by the City Council on June 14..</p>
Policy	Council effects appointments/reappointments to statutory committees.
Fiscal Impact	None.
Attachments	Committee roster Resolution
Recommendation	Adopt resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

RESOLUTION #2004-

**EFFECTING A REAPPOINTMENT TO THE
TAKOMA PARK FREE BURMA COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City Council established the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee (Ordinance #1996-33) to oversee implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Free Burma Act (City Code, Chapter 3A. Burma, Restricted Relations With); AND

WHEREAS, the Ordinance has been suspended (by Resolution #1000-53) due to the Supreme Court decision, but the committee continues to function in an advisory capacity to the City Council; AND

WHEREAS, the Code describes the Committee as being comprised of seven members, and recommends that at least one member should be of Burmese origin; AND

WHEREAS, persons appointed to the Committee shall serve two-year terms; AND

WHEREAS, currently, there are three incumbents whose terms expired on March 31, 2004; AND

WHEREAS, there are three vacancies on the Committee, with expiration dates in 2005; AND

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2004, Council interviewed Raju Charles for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons are hereby appointed to serve on the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee:

NAME	ADDRESS	TERM EXPIRES
Raju Charles	7902 Cole Avenue	3/31/06

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT appointments to this Committee shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2004.